

Please add new Claim 12 as follows:

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--12. The molded article according to claim 1, wherein said article has a multilayered structure having an outermost layer and an innermost layer, wherein

a pulp slurry to be used for forming said outermost layer contains pulp fibers having an average fiber length of 0.2 to 1.0 mm, a Canadian Standard Freeness of 50 to 600 cc and a frequency distribution of fiber length as comprises 50 to 95%, based on the total fiber, of fibers whose length ranges from 0.4 mm to 1.4 mm, and

a pulp slurry to be used for forming said innermost layer contains pulp fibers having an average length of 0.8 to 2.0 mm, a Canadian Standard Freeness of 100 to 600 cc and a frequency distribution of fiber length as comprises 20 to 90%, based on the total fiber, of fibers whose length ranges from 0.4 mm to 1.4 mm and 5 to 50%, based on the total fiber, of fibers whose length is more than 1.4 mm and not more than 3.0 mm.--

REMARKS

✓ Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to amend Claim 1 and to add new Claim 12.